

**Energy Committee Meeting
6 December 2010
5:30 PM – WSCR
Minutes taken by Nora E. McGrath**

In attendance: Sid Lindsley, Leonard Lookner, Jeff Kuller, Richard Knowlton, Martin Cates, Peter Kalajian, Brian Robinson, Roberta Smith, Tom Hopps

Absent: Janice Gilley, Sam Rouse

- 1) Review and vote on 1 November 2010 EC Meeting Minutes.

Sid Lindsley made a motion to approve the minutes. Peter Kalajian seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a 5-0-0 vote.

- 2) New EC Chair:

While regular Chair Des Fitzgerald is away, Richard Knowlton, Vice Chair, will be the Interim Chair Person for the EC. Des will resume the chair position upon his return.

- 3) Municipal Solar Energy:

Peter Kalajian met with Carmen Cherry from Gartley and Dorsky (who is the engineer doing the load analysis for putting solar panels on the waste water treatment plant's roof) and Bill Behrens met with Ross and found that there is already 4kw, ready conduit, and breakers for use. This idea is a no brainer and can be done. Gartley and Dorsky will do pro bono work to determine how many panels can be placed. Then the next step is writing an RFP. Ross is interested and Bill B. is into it, so something will be moved on in the next couple of weeks. The plan is to start with this building and see how it works, get an idea of how to write the RFP, see who is interested in bidding on it, and once we have tackled this, then move onto other buildings in the town. Carmen will give the next report, doing the technical aspects first and then moving onto the financial aspects. Bill B. believes the financial bit is a 20 year lease at today's rates with ownership reverting to the town at the end of the 20 years. The tax incentives need to be taken advantage of by the owner in the next 5 years.

Bill B. is very interested in finding out how to make this work and will help with the writing of the RFP.

- 4) Update Anti-Idling Discussion:

Roberta Smith said that Tom Hopps group had presented an anti idling policy to the Select Board who told Tom H. and his group to look further into what his group wanted to accomplish and to come back with more specific wording. Does the EC want to help with this, have recommendations on content, and present it to the SB? Tom H. read an idle free specific essay.

His group wants to bring attention to and educate the general public, as well as the Town's employees, inhabitants, and businesses. They would like to see an Idling Awareness campaign including fact sheets, signage, and for there to be Idle Free Zones in Camden (specifically at the schools, the YMCA, downtown, and Snow bowl). Tom will expand on the already brief anti idling policy they presented to the SB and will have a draft ready for the next meeting. Roberta S. recommended that it contain a stated purpose for the policy and what it will do. Tom agreed to submit it to Roberta electronically.

- 5) Hydro Update:

Ross Parker is developing a plan, cost estimate and schedule for work related to the repair of turbine #2 now that the Town has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from Efficiency Maine. Ross and Roberta will address the contract requirements with EM. Peter K. and Paul Cartwright have some thoughts on automation that they will discuss with Ross. Noise concerns on turbine #1 have decreased with insulating the building and some reduced operating hours. No other immediate changes are planned.

6) Street Light Update:

Peter K. passed out maps with existing street lights on them and a sheet to mark all of the actual lights that are in existence and asked everyone to take one for the survey of town lighting. EC is trying to find out what the town has for lights and what CMP is charging for, to see if there is a discrepancy.

7) Energy Audit Updates:

Brian Robinson reported that he has the listing of all properties and the square footage of each of the 13 town owned properties to rate the energy intensity of each building and is pulling the data together for the next meeting. Rockport has just hired the HL Turner Group from a competitive process to complete audits at 5 town owned facilities. Richard K. has spoken to Dave Hart from the Turner Group to see if he would be willing to walk through the Opera House when he's in Rockport and provide Camden with a proposal for a Phase I audit. Brian R. was asked to take the lead on this. Roberta S. mentioned that Janice E. has been working on getting info together on electric usage, and they will have the last 4 years worth of documentation from CMP through 2010. Roberta S. also made a suggestion of rezoning the Opera House building's heat, as it has always been a problem. Roberta and Dave Morrison recently completed a facility review with Cordjia and expect a report before the next meeting. Rick K. believes that if an energy audit is done before the next budget cycle, there may be a case for capital investment in energy savings. Rick will copy the email from Dave Hart to Roberta and Brian R. will be available for Mr. Hart's walk through.

8) Next meeting:

First Monday of January 5:30 in the WSCR.